



# OVERDRIVE

The Newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club  
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## ABCD - All British Car Deluge

Despite the heavy rain, 80 brave souls faced the weather and attended the ABCD. See photos inside...

### NEXT EVENT

Hazeldean British Invasion – August 4, 2009  
See page 7 for details.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Don Leblanc

This year's All British Car Day was absolutely the wettest ever. Pictures will be posted around mid-August, when I return from my holidays. With torrential rains and thunderstorms sweeping across the region that day, about 80 intrepid British car enthusiasts still came to the show. I think everyone who came out deserves a big thank you for their support and their attendance. I especially want to thank the volunteers (from all the clubs) who stepped forward to help out at the show. Despite the appalling weather conditions, I would have to say this was a good event. We raised some money for our chosen charity at the Ottawa Hospital. Randy from the Rolls-Bentley Club even drove his Silver Cloud II up the ramp the Land-Rover guys were using for the twist-off demo. That was something to see! The show will be back next year and hopefully with better luck on the weather. This will be one to talk about in the future – do you remember that ABCD where it rained all day...



Just a reminder that the British Invasion of the Hazeldean Mall Cruise Night will be this week on Tuesday, August 4. The format will be similar to previous years, where we arrive early – say around 5:30 or so if possible, park in the designated area for British cars, participate in the car show, then leave about 7:15, going for a short drive and a dinner out with members of the various participating clubs. Lots of fun!

We have been able to find a new date that works for the TriuMGee so that event is back on the calendar for late August. Details to come within the next couple of weeks or so.

We have some other important dates to keep in mind for August – this is looking like a busy month. There should be some reminders on these later, but I'll mention them briefly here so you can start thinking about them.

- Sunday August 16 will be the Boot 'n Bonnet British Car Day in Kingston. Brian and Pat will lead us down to Kingston and the show this year in a convoy. Details TBD.
- Saturday August 22 (rain date the 23rd) will be an OVTC club drive and the BBQ. Details will be coming soon, but please mark the date.
- Saturday August 29 (rain date the 30th) will be the rescheduled TriuMGee. Details to follow, but we will be heading south of Ottawa, and having a picnic lunch somewhere.

Looking ahead into the fall there are lots of other things coming, but one event to keep in mind is the TSD rally to be organized by Marc Chappell from the Jaguar Club on Sunday, October 4. We participated in this event last year and it was great!

Happy motoring – I'm going to miss the Hazeldean Mall this week, but see you for Kingston on August 16.

Cheers,

Don

# EDITOR'S EXHAUST

By Martin Burt

Well, the wet weather has continued through July, but it wasn't much wetter any day than at ABCD. I had planned to bring the TR6 this year, but in view of the conditions I opted for the (slightly) more waterproof option and took the Jag. It was great to see so many cars out despite the weather and I think everyone still had a good time.

The night before ABCD, I received an email from Colin Richter, a South African Triumph owner. Colin was in Ottawa, visiting 2 sons who works here, and took the opportunity to contact the OVTC. I told Colin about ABCD the next day and we were able to meet up. Colin is a member of the Pretoria Triumph Sports Car Club and he provided me with a copy of the *Triumph Herald*, their club newsletter. We had a very enjoyable chat about owning Triumphs in South Africa, the challenges in finding parts, and the higher costs (cars seem to cost about double what they do here but at least they don't have to worry about snow, salt and rust.) I'll bring the newsletter to the next meeting for anyone who wants to have a look.



August looks like a very busy month for the club with events most weekends starting with the British Invasion of the hazeldean Cruise night on August 4<sup>th</sup>. I'll be going to Belleville for the 401-Pack Mini Trials on Aug. 14-16, so if anyone else is planning to attend and wants to drive down in convoy, please let me know. The

following weekend is the BBQ at Dyers' and the weekend after that the TriumGee event with the OMGC, so let's hope summer arrives for August.

Based on the weather we've had this summer, I decided to take advantage of a summer sale at TRF and finally purchase a new top for the TR6. I had hoped to install it before setting off for Belleville, but it's on backorder, so I may have to rely on the old one. Look for an Overdrive feature on convertible top installation sometime later this fall ☺. I've also ordered new Goodparts springs to try and correct the overly tall stance of my car since I installed uprated (and too long) Moss springs when I got the car. Again, that will be a fall project.

Hope everyone has a great August.

Cheers,  
Martin



# OVTC Regalia Price List

By Gord Robertson



OVTC Anniversary art work (10" x 14") \$10.00



OVTC Golf shirt (all) \$25.00



OVTC Baseball cap 20th Anniversary \$15.00



OVTC license plate frame \$4.00



OVTC Crest patch 3" \$4.00



OVTC Crest lapel pin 3/4" \$4.00

OVTC Vest (dark grey)	\$30.00
OVTC Baseball cap (old style)	\$10.00
TR Register crest patch	\$4.00
OVTC Black winter jacket with crest (Large)	best offer
OVTC Decals (static cling) only 5 left	FREE
OVTC Business cards	FREE

OVTC name tags FREE ..... Anyone who has already requested an OVTC name tag (I have a big bag full!) please see me at the next meeting to pick up.

OR

If you are new to the club and need one, or lost yours... please email me [regalia@ovtc.net](mailto:regalia@ovtc.net) and I will get one engraved for you.



ABCD  
2009



## OIL DRIPS – OVTC Member Submissions

Dear OVTC Members,

It has been many moons since I have contributed anything for Overdrive. Not many opportunities when you live on a tropical island, which is where we have been. That is behind us now as we recently moved to Brussels, Belgium continuing our adventure. For those of you that don't know me, I have been a long time member since 1992 and former Overdrive editor for a couple of years in the late nineties. My wife Vivien is also a "car - guy" or "girl" in her case, and a former President of OVTC. We have owned a number of Triumphs, my fave being my 65 TR4 which we still have. I am finding many interesting sports and classic car events on my travels around Europe and will share some of the more interesting ones with you.

Always eyes open for anything four wheel and classic. A few of weeks ago, around the corner and up the street I noticed some reconstruction going on in a garage of a commercial building. Didn't pay much attention as lots of that goes on here, the location and building very nondescript. Yesterday as I walked by I couldn't help but notice a professional car carrier parked outside and in process of off-loading "formula" type cars. Later as Viv and I walked by there was a business logo on the door picturing a F-1 car and looking very interesting. So, today as I walk by mid day, the doors of the garage are open and I look in. I see a race prepped Porsche, and the sleek look of classic cars in the shadows. I gotta go in, right...so as I walk in through the long entrance way more and more cars come into vision. Are they all Ferrari's with the odd something else? Yes, more and more red, shiny wheel rims and fat tires. I stand in awe looking at all these machines, some are race, not many but a few. The rest are mainly Ferrari. I notice that there is activity around a few cars, one 50 something Ferrari on a hoist has the undercarriage apart. Another 60's has the bonnet up and two backsides bending into it. There is a phone ringing and a body crosses in front of me to respond, he

smiles at me then after the short conversation, approaches me. I tell him in English my interest, he points to his ear that he doesn't understand, so I then realize I should try my poor french/english combo in slo-mo and then we do communicate. Walking by, saw cars, love cars, can I look? Oh yea he says, smiles, says to enjoy as I am smiling ear to ear and he walks away.

Wow, I am overwhelmed by all the machinery. They are not wrecks waiting for some hope. They look like they are all ready to roll. I count, seventeen on this corner, twelve in the entrance way and in the back area another equal amount bumper to bumper and door to door, so what is that fifty, something like that. Yea - okay, at least. And half are Ferrari, there is a Gullwing, and here is a convertible Merc, same model as Pierre Trudeau's, - I think so. A couple of Jag 120's or is it a 140, no, there is a 140 and a race prepped Cortina, a few more Porsches but not many, and tucked away a few formula cars, I would guess F-3 as they are not all assuming, but certainly not small 4 cylinder blocks. The mechanics all made a point of checking who the intruder was. There were four of them with red overalls, the Ferrari logo on the back and then there was the boss man with the phone in his ear. What an experience, as I walked away I shook my head wondering how many of these were around Brussels. This was the second one I had discovered. My day went from just another to one I will remember for a long time to come.

Ed Kaye

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Hi Martin

Came across this by accident. Very nice collection. Maybe worth a newsletter note?

<http://tr-club.dk/pages/galleri/salgsbrochurer.php>

Cheers,  
Mike Graham

## Hazeldean Cruise Night, Drive and Dine - August 4th

### *Hazeldean British Invasion*



Similar to previous years, there will be a "British Invasion" of the Hazeldean Cruise Night. This year it will be on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, instead of later in the month (it usually was held on the same day as our August OVTC club meeting). This event combines a car show with a short drive to a dining spot afterwards. The Hazeldean Cruise Night organizers have set aside a section for the British cars that evening. All the British car clubs in Ottawa have been invited to come out for this. Plan to arrive at the Hazeldean Shopping Centre any time after 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. (It is located on Eagleson Road, just south of Robertson Road/Hazeldean Road and about 2 km south of the 417 exit on to Eagleson/March Road.)

The British group will leave the Cruise Night at around 7:15 - 7:30 pm for a 20-30 minute group drive to enjoy dinner at the eating place. More details on the restaurant etc will be coming soon. These nights are a lot of fun. Last year we had over 40 cars - I hope we can match that this year.



André sent along this link (<http://www.lotustalk.com/forums/f218/my-lotus-barn-75834/>) with some photos of the shack where some poor guy has to store his Lotus collection!!! It's even got its own shower.



## OVERDRIVE BACK ISSUES

Here are the passwords for back issues of the Overdrive, which can be found on the OVTC website at [www.ovtc.net/overdrive.html](http://www.ovtc.net/overdrive.html)

### 2009

August = hazeldean  
 July = starter  
 June = volunteer  
 May = fling  
 April = gokart  
 Winter = 20years

### 2008

Issue 005 = 1971  
 Issue 004 = spitfire  
 Issue 003 = lemans  
 Issue 002 = hot  
 Issue 001 = back

### 2007

Jan = nosnow  
 Feb = red

Mar = TR6  
 Apr = spring  
 May = Ancaster  
 June-Aug = summer  
 Sept = Fly  
 Oct = Orange  
 Dec = snow

### 2006

Jan = red  
 Feb = baby  
 Mar = smoke  
 April = triumph  
 May = James  
 June = drive  
 July = Doc  
 Aug = Steph

Sept = TR2  
 Oct = goodwood  
 Nov = cold  
 Dec = snow

### 2005

Jan = yellow  
 Feb = redtr3  
 Mar = stag  
 April = GT6MK3  
 May = TR7  
 June = Spitfires  
 July = Mosport  
 Aug = ABCD  
 Sept = TR4  
 Oct = rain  
 Nov = fall

Dec = snow

### 2004

Jan = bonnet  
 Feb = clutch (not used)

Mar = diff

Apr = kit

May = speed

Jun = RACING

Jul = ignition

Aug = gt6

Sep = octane

Oct = stainless

Nov = cam

Dec = jingle

### 2003

Dec = peanut

# Merrickville Cruise and Shop 2009



## Targetting Classic Vehicles?

Don received the following email from Wendy Hall of the All Club Meeting and thought it might be of interest to our members:

*Thought I'd pass on this information to you all as you could be the next target.*

*While on a Corvette Call-In Sick Day last week, we were driving along Hwy. # 2 and enjoying the nice sunny day. Lunch was to be take-out from Don's Fish & Chips in Brockville which we were going to eat at Block Island where the Brockville Automotion Show is held annually.*

*I was the last to join the group on Block Island, driving slowly in 1<sup>st</sup> gear in my 31 year old car, and was waved over by a nice young policeman and asked to park in a specified area. After a short wait, another young man came over and asked me to pop the hood. Two police cars were parked with an "Environmental Assessment" vehicle and the police officers were pulling over vehicles as pointed out by the E.A. guys. Miata, Trans Am, noisy Dodge Caravan, etc.... This was NOT for emissions testing. Absolutely nothing to do with emissions although I did mention that my vehicle would likely pass. It was not the issue !!*

*Fines were being issued in the amount of \$365. for having removed emission equipment from vehicles according to the manuals in possession of the E.A. guys. In addition, a court summons was written.*

*So, the court hearing is in Brockville in another month and by the sounds of it, a person in this situation would be expected to return the vehicle to stock or ????, not sure what the parameters / demands / expectations will be. Even the E.A. fellow said the parts would be hard to find, so what will our solution be ?? I say "our" as this is bound to happen to many others, if the E.A. group just sit outside shows and cruise nights and ticket away !!*

*2) Another scenario I learned of from friends. Two mature motorcycle friends were returning from a trip down east and were pulled over near Hawkesbury by the QPP and fined \$156 each for having aftermarket pipes on the bikes. Other bikers were ticketed for half helmets or high bars and told to call a tow truck if they couldn't get the proper helmet or fix the bars on the spot.*

*Don't these guys have anything else to do that harass hobbyists?? I did make note that their E.A. vehicle was idling the entire 45 minutes I was with them and I'm sure it was the rest of the afternoon. Do they nothave to abide by the rules??*

Wendy Hall

Interestingly, two days earlier, Tim Dyer had sent the following email to the OVTC executive and I've taken the liberty of printing it here:

*Hello all OVTC Executive members;*

*For some time I have been advocating that the club become a member of the National Association of Antique Auto Clubs, as it is a lobbying body with some power and influence.*

*In Continental Europe and in the UK, attempts to ban the use of historic cars have been a perpetual problem. In the UK, at least, the Federation of Historic Car Clubs has managed to prevent the onslaught of those who don't "get it" when it comes to our valued cars. I am sure the European clubs must have made similar successes, or the hobby would not be as intense as it still is.*

*Regardless, I have some concern that politicians and environmentalists, as well as the auto industry, may make attempts to put an end to our cars and our hobby, and I feel we need to be part of a lobbying organization in order to prevent this. There are many other benefits to being a member of such an organization, too.*

*Accordingly, I have attached a document that tells about the NAAACC, for your perusal and consideration. I certainly will not be offended if the club does not join, but I feel that the club executive members at least need to be aware that this organization exists.*

All the best for now;

Tim

In light of the experience Wendy Hall reports, there is perhaps a need to seriously consider joining the NAAACC as Tim suggests. What do you think? Should the OVTC join? Information on the organization can be found at [www.naaacc.ca](http://www.naaacc.ca)

# EVENTS

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- August**
- 4** Hazeldean Mall British Invasion (organized by Ottawa Jaguar Club)
  - 7-9 The Roadster Factory Summer Party, Armagh, PA ([www.the-roadster-factory.com](http://www.the-roadster-factory.com))
  - 7 – 9 Aylmer Auto Show and Swap Meet ([www.autoshowaylmer.com](http://www.autoshowaylmer.com))
  - 14-16 401-Pack 1st annual 6-Pack Chapter event for Ontario/Quebec TR6 and TR250 owners (Belleville)
  - 16 Boot 'n Bonnet British Car Day, Kingston Celebrating 40 years of the TR6  
[www.bootnbonnet.org](http://www.bootnbonnet.org)
  - 16 Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind British Social (Manotick)
  - 16 British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)
  - 16 Upper Canada Village Car Show ([www.cornwalloldecarclub.com](http://www.cornwalloldecarclub.com))
  - 22 (23) OVTC Drive & BBQ Event at Dyer's second property**
  - 23 Rideau Carleton Slots Car Show
  - 25 Monthly Club meeting – Meet at Knoxdale Community Centre for drive to Swan on the Rideau for dinner (meet at 6:30pm)**
  - 29 (30) TriumGee – Drive and picnic with Ottawa MG Club**
- September**
- 11 - 13 US Vintage Grand Prix (Watkins Glen, NY)
  - 18 – 20 British Invasion (Stowe, VT)
  - 20 Toronto Triumph Club Bronte Creek British Car Day
  - 20 British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)
  - 22 Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre – Speaker TBD**
- October**
- 4 Rally event organized by Ottawa Jaguar Club
  - TBD OVTC Fall Colours Drive (OVTC only)**
  - TBD All Clubs Drive to Tremblant** or other in Gatineau Hills (OVTC organized)
  - 18 British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)
  - 27 Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre – OVTC Elections & Pizza Night**
- November**
- 15 British Breakfast (Broadway restaurant – Fisher & Prince of Wales – 8:30 am)
  - 24 Monthly Club meeting – Knoxdale Community Centre – Speaker TBD**
- December**
- 15 **OVTC Christmas Party**

# AUTOJUMBLE

## For Sale

### 1980 Triumph TR8 Convertible

Stock aluminum V8 engine, 5 speed transmission  
 Compomotive 15 inch wheels with 205/50 Yokohama tires  
 Black with black interior  
 New black canvas soft top and new carpets  
 Air Conditioner professionally converted to R 134a, needs recharge  
 Lumenition electronic ignition  
 All new urethane suspension bushings front and back  
 K&N air filters  
 Rimmer's Rally spoiler (front)  
 Stainless steel tailpipes  
 100 Amp Delco alternator conversion  
 Custom white faced instruments (easier to see at night)  
 CD player with electric antenna  
 High intensity tail lights  
 Car is showing 76000 miles  
 Too many new parts to list separately  
 Second owner, have original new car window sticker  
 Car originally from Virginia  
 Original wheels and air cleaners  
 Car and instrument panel featured on the cover of "How to Improve Triumph TR7, TR7-V8 and TR8"  
 Car chosen as the car he would most like to take home from among 70 TR8s displayed at Roadster Factory 2003, by Graham Robson, noted Triumph author.  
 \$12,500 firm  
 Contact Paul MacDonald 613-226-2512 [macdonaldp@rogers.com](mailto:macdonaldp@rogers.com)  
 Ottawa, Ontario [2]



### TR6 Convertible Top Boot in Biscuit

Brand new, Everflex convertible top cover from TRF. Biscuit colour (caramel tan). Never removed from packaging.  
 Asking \$225.  
 Contact Martin at [burt@sympatico.ca](mailto:burt@sympatico.ca)  
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### 1974 Triumph TR6

Engine and clutch kit redone and more, \$4000 in improvements in 2008.  
 72,000 miles, paint not perfect but very clean and a very solid car. 4 speed 6 cylinders with no overdrive. \$10,000  
 Joe (514) 214-2534 or [jofas@videotron.ca](mailto:jofas@videotron.ca). Car is in the Montreal area. [0]



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 Price is \$250.00  
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### TR6 Rolling rust free chassis.

Good fenders, doors, floors, engine bay and trunk.  
 -TR6 rebuilt engine with new crank, new high performance cam, bearings, oil pump etc. Work completed at AC Machine Shop in Hull. \$2000.00  
 -TR6 overdrive transmission \$1500  
 -TR6 Pacesetter freeflow exhaust complete from ex manifold back to the four chrome tails \$800  
 -TR6 black seats from a 75 model, no rips or tears but need seat webbings \$300  
 Plus assorted other items such as top frame and gas tank all in good condition. Call or email for pictures 613 258 0234  
[adriansawyer@cogeco.ca](mailto:adriansawyer@cogeco.ca) [0]

### Wanted

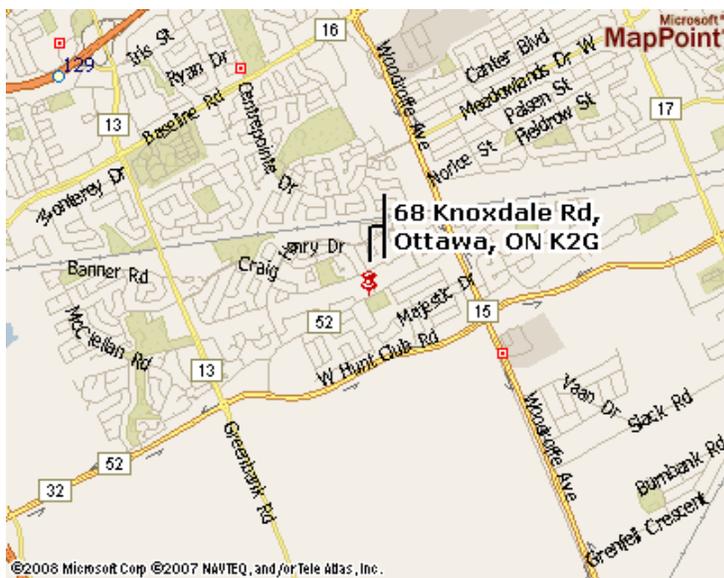
Looking for storage for my GT6 for the winter.  
 I have a line on a commercial venue, but would prefer something closer to home and I could line someone else's wallet.  
 Contact André at [andre@gt6.ca](mailto:andre@gt6.ca) [2]

# OVTC MEMBERSHIP

## Join the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club

The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club is comprised of approximately 65 members.

The club meets at 7.00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Manordale Community Centre, which is located at the corner of Knoxdale and Carola Roads in the City of Ottawa. Meetings include technical seminars, video presentations, restoration techniques, and much more.



The club also publishes a monthly newsletter, Overdrive, which is distributed to members and exchanged with other car clubs.

Membership is open to all individuals and companies interested in Triumph sports cars.

Membership is \$30.00 per year (June/June) per household and \$60.00 per year, corporate.

### Please send membership applications to:

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